

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 24-37 are currently pending in the present application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 24-25, 27, 29-32, 34 and 36-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chee* (US 5,694,141). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection.

Claim 1 (and similarly Claims 24 and 31) recites a step of "in response to a selection of a concurrent display mode, providing identical information to said first and second memory locations, such that contents displayed on said first display device are identical to contents displayed on said second display device.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that *Chee* does not disclose the claimed providing step, but the Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to select a concurrent display mode to provide identical information to the first and second memory locations such that contents displayed on the first display device are identical to contents displayed on the second display device. The Examiner's reasoning is based on *Chee*'s teachings of both display devices having the same image in col. 5, lines 24-25. In col. 5, lines 24-25, *Chee* does mention that "both display devices [in the '109 patent] will show the same image." But *Chee* continues to mention that the "'109 patent is not believed to relate to the driving of two display devices simultaneously, with each display device showing a different image." Thus, it is clear that it would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify an apparatus, such as a graphics controller, that is capable of displaying same image on two display devices to display different images on the two display devices, or vice versa.

Claim 1 also recites a step of "in response to a selection of a split display mode, retaining information in said first memory location and updating information in said second memory location, such that contents displayed on said first display device are different from contents displayed on said second display device."

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the claimed retaining step is disclosed by *Chee* in col. 17, lines 45-54. In col. 17, lines 45-54, *Chee* teaches that different images can be presented on different displays simultaneously, but *Chee* does not teach or suggest that the information in the first memory location are retained and the information in the second memory location are updated, as claimed. Because the claimed invention recites novel features that are not taught or suggested in *Chee*, the § 103 rejection is believed to be overcome.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1-7 and 24-37 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 1, 24 and 31 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

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